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Report from Kobe—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Inspection of emigrants—Improvement in cholera situation at Kobe—Smallpox—Status of plague at Osaka.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, October 23:

Week ended October 19, 1907. One original and 2 supplemental bills of health were granted to 3 steamships with an aggregate personnel of 770. There were inspected 3 vessels, 434 crew and 296 steerage passengers, and 37 members of crews and 151 steerage passengers were bathed and their effects disinfected. One steamship was fumigated to kill rats, etc. Manifests were viséd for 9,309 pieces of freight. Emigrants were examined as follows:

Steamship *Persia* for Honolulu and San Francisco: Passed 166, recommended for rejection, 107. Those passed were bathed and disinfected and held 5 days under observation prior to embarkation.

There was a marked improvement in the cholera situation at Kobe during the week, there having been but 20 cases and 12 deaths reported, as compared with 40 cases and 15 deaths last week. Seven cases of smallpox were reported.

There were reported from Osaka 20 cases and 21 deaths from plague during the week ended October 19. The cases were 8 less and the deaths 4 more than during the preceding week.

Plague still present at Osaka, November 19.

Information was received from the Department of State, November 19, that a telegram had been received from Kobe reporting plague at Osaka.

Report from Nagasaki—Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Sanitary Inspector Bowie reports:

October 22. Number of emigrants per steamship *Hongkong Maru* recommended for rejection, 17.

Quarantine at ports in Japan against Shanghai raised.

Sanitary Inspector Bowie further reports:

October 22. Quarantine heretofore placed by the Japanese Government on all vessels arriving at ports in this country within 5 days of their departure from Shanghai has been raised this day, the cholera epidemic being practically at an end both in China and Japan.

MEXICO.

Report from Veracruz—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, November 12:

Week ended November 9.

November 3. Inspected the Norwegian steamship *Kristiania*, bound for Galveston, with 30 in the crew; vessel sails in ballast. The *Kristiania* is the first vessel of a recently established Norwegian, Cuban, Mexican and Galveston Steamship Line to arrive at this port.